ling without ticket or with improper ticket during the period April 1994 to February, 1995 as against 43.85 lakh persons during the corresponding period of last year.

(b) The incidence of ticketless travelling is generally more on branch line trains.

(c) and (d) During the last six months period ending February, 1995, 29.18 lakh persons were detected travelling without ticket or with improper ticket and charged fare and penalty as per the extant railway rules. 81,268 persons were also prosecuted.

Raising the Platform at Barbil Railway Station

3758. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a growing demand and an urgent need to raise the platform at Barbil railway station in Keonjhar district of Orissa; and

(b) if so, the steps taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) The work of raising of platform at Barbil has already been taken up at a cost of Rs. 5.83 lakh.

Doubling of Rail Line between Khurda Road and Puri

3759. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state·

(a) the reasons for which the proposal for doubling the rail line between Khurda Road and Puri has been rejected;

(b) whether Government propose to reconsider the proposal and take up the doubling work; and

(c) if so, the steps taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) The proposal for doubling of Khurda Road-Puri section was examined in consultation with the Railway. It was found that the capacity of the existing section to handle the level of traffic could be augmented by certain other works an doubling was not required at present.

(b) Not at present.

(c) Does not arise.

बीकानेर–जयपुर–हावड़ा मार्ग पर तेज गति की रेलगाड़ी

3760. **श्री सुन्दर सिंह भंडारी:** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार बीकानेर–जयपुर–हावड़ा मार्ग पर तेज गति की एक यात्री रेलगाड़ी चलाने पर विचार कर रही है ;

(ख) क्या बीकानेर–जयपुर–कोटा–बीना–मद्रास मार्ग पर भी तेज गति की एक यात्री रेलगाड़ी चलाने संबंधी प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है ;

(ग) जयपुर से हावड़ा, मुम्बई और मद्रास को जाने वाली रेलगाड़ियों के समय में प्रतिदिन कई घंटो का विलंब होने के क्या-क्या कारण हैं; और

(घ) उन रेलगाड़ियों का समय पर पहुंचना सुनिश्चित करने के लिये क्या-क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे है ?

रेल मंत्री (श्री सी०के० जाफर शरीफ): (क) और (ख) फिलहाल कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है ।

(ग) और (घ) जयपुर–सियालदह और जयपुर–बम्बई गाड़ियों के चालन समय में प्रतिदिन घंटों का विलंब नहीं